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Rod has provided wise counsel and the determination to reach a fair and acceptable compromise. As a result, Rod has deservedly earned many admirers among Senators and staff.

Serving on the staff of a major Senate committee and in the leader's office takes its toll. While I regret losing Rod, I wish him well as he takes on the new challenges he will find as a partner in the law firm of Covington & Burling.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. DOLE. I am happy to yield.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. President, I should like to associate myself with the remarks about Rod DeArment. I never had the opportunity to serve on one of the committees that he has worked on, but I probably went to him for as much information and asked him to do as many things as anyone I have known. I have never worked with a more sincere gentleman, and I will miss him greatly. I do wish him well.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I think we owe the same debt of gratitude to his wife, who was probably wondering where he has been all these evenings. I can vouch that he has been here or in some other office working for Members on both sides, and we appreciate her forbearance over the years.

Now, going out in the private sector, he will probably spend most of his time going back and forth to the bank, making big deposits, contributing to campaigns, possibly.

In any event, we wish him well. It has been a pleasure to work with him the past several years.

Mr. LONG. Mr. President, I am happy to see that the distinguished majority leader has offered this resolution to pay well-earned tribute to Rod DeArment. Rod has been an outstanding and devoted worker for the Senate Finance Committee. He provided great leadership for the committee and the staff. He is one of those dedicated people who give so much, far beyond anything the Government has a right to expect from one at that level.

I am sorry that we will be losing Rod here, but I know that his talent will be appreciated where he is going. At least, he will be properly rewarded so far as money is concerned for the work he does.

I wish him well, and I applaud the distinguished majority leader for seeing that this tribute, which is long overdue, is at last paid to one of our loyal and outstanding servants of the public interest.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the distinguished Senator from Louisiana, who is one of the most knowledgeable tax experts in the land and certainly the most knowledgeable in the Senate. He has had the privilege of working with people like Mike Stern and Rod DeArment. There comes a time when many decide to leave Government service; but, in the meantime, they provide a

lot of selfless service to all of us, and we appreciate it.

I thank the Senator for his remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 334) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. LONG. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, before I try to complete the business of the evening, let me add my words with respect to the retirement of Rod DeArment. We should not call it retirement. He is leaving the Senate. He has not even started to think of retiring.

He is a marvelous young man, and I wish him well. He has been a great help to me. He and Sheila Burke have made my job much easier. I admire him, and I know he will do well at anything he undertakes.

It has been a pleasure to work with him and to come to know him. I have enjoyed that relationship. I have been the beneficiary of his good counsel and his thoughtful advice and his steady demeanor. He has been a great addition to the Senate, and will surely be missed.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1986

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 506, H.R. 4061, Federal Employees Benefits Improvement Act of 1986.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be stated by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4061) to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand the class of individuals eligible for refunds or other returns of contributions from contingency reserves in the Employees Health Benefits Fund; to make miscellaneous amendments relating to the Civil Service Retirement System and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 4061, the Federal Employees Benefits Improvement Act of 1986.

With the exception of two provisions, this legislation is the same as H.R. 3384, the Federal Employees Benefits Improvement Act of 1985, which the Senate passed on December 19, 1985. The President vetoed that legislation on January 17, 1986, because it contained the two provisions deleted from the legislation before us now.

The objectionable provisions eliminated the 75 percent cap on Govern-

ment contributions to Federal health plans and authorized direct reimbursement for nurses and nurse-midwives under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Neither provision is included in H.R. 4061, but there is language regarding the latter point—requiring the Office of Personnel Management to submit a report to Congress regarding the extension of direct reimbursement to health practitioners not currently covered under 5 U.S.C. 8902(k)(1).

I remain convinced, however, that the adoption of both provisions would be cost-effective, and look forward to working with the House and the President to accomplish these changes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I send a concurrent resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the concurrent resolution.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 107) providing for an adjournment of the House from February 6, 1986 or February 7, 1986 to February 18, 1986, and for an adjournment of the Senate from February 6, 1986 or February 7, 1986 to February 17, 1986.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move adoption of the concurrent resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 107

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That when the House adjourns on Thursday, February 6, 1986, or Friday, February 7, 1986, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader of the House, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stands adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian on Tuesday, February 18, 1986, and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, February 6, 1986, or Friday, February 7, 1986, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian on Monday, February 17, 1986, or until 12 o'clock meridian on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.